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November 9, 2005

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

William J. VanderKnapp, D.O. PO Box 42934 Tucson, AZ 85733

RE: Letter of Concern, License No. 2731, Case No. 3406

Dear Dr. VanderKnapp:

At the meeting on October 29, 2005, the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") reviewed the above-referenced complaint. The complaint alleged, among several other things, that you might have violated Arizona Revised Statutes by providing patient care that fell below the prevailing standard or could endanger a patient's health and safety.

Based on the information presented, the Board found there was insufficient evidence to conclude that your conduct constituted unprofessional conduct or to support direct action against your license. However, the Board voted to issue you this advisory LETTER OF CONCERN pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 32-1855 (D) (2). The Board was concerned that you may have failed to provide adequate care to your patient which could lead to a violations of A.R.S. §§ 32-1854 (21) and 32-1854 (36) which state,

"Failing or refusing to establish and maintain adequate records on a patient as follows: If the patient is an adult, for at least seven years after the last date the licensee provided the patient with medical or health care services."

"Prescribing or dispensing controlled substances or prescription-only medications without establishing and maintaining adequate patient records."

A Letter of Concern is a non-disciplinary action that remains part of the public record of your license for five years from the date of issuance (meeting date). During those years it will be provided in response to requests for copies of your license file or verifications of license status, including being posted on the Board's website. It also may be cited in future actions against your license. Because it is not a disciplinary action, it is not reported to the National Practitioner Data Base.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully

Jack Confer Executive Director

JC/s

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